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NB Police looking for rape suspect

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Local law enforcement continue this week to look for a rape suspect that eluded officers last Friday, April 29, in Enterprise.

According to New Brockton Assistant Chief Dale Grimes, officers are looking for Robert Steve Marshall, age 41, in regards to the alleged rape of a 12-year-old New Brockton juvenile. Marshall, a white male standing approximately six feet in height, has an official address of 606 E. Oak St., Arcadia, Fla.; however, Grimes said he reportedly has been living at a residence on County Road 514 in the New Brockton area for the past few months.

Grimes said a warrant for Marshall's arrest was issued last Friday for Rape First Degree. He said the New Brockton Police Department was contact-

ed Tuesday, April 12, regarding the offense.

Reports indicate Marshall allegedly raped the juvenile several times over the past two months.

Officers with the New Brockton and Enterprise police departments tried to make the arrest last Friday after receiving information regarding Marshall's location. The officers were attempting to make a traffic stop on a Ford Ranger truck on Rucker

Boulevard in Enterprise when, according to reports, Marshall stopped the truck and fled on foot. He eluded officers by running into a wooded area behind an apartment complex.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Robert Steve Marshall is encouraged to contact the New Brockton Police Department at (334) 894-5559.



Robert Steve Marshall

NB officials stress danger of barricaded section of Tyler Street (C.R. 533)

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, May 2, for its regular monthly meeting, and Mayor Charles Cole stressed the importance of motorists not going around barricades placed on a section of Tyler Street (County Road 533).

Cole said extensive damage has been done to Tyler Street (at the gully below the chicken houses) from Hurricane Ivan and heavy rains since.

"Water has undermined the roadway and there is the danger of a cave-in," he said. "The street will be barricaded in that area and there will be no through traffic for an undetermined length of time."

Cole said town officials have asked for assistance from Coffee County and the State Highway Department, and he hopes they will provide the assistance needed to get this repair work done in a timely manner.

Cole told council members Monday evening that he was set to meet with county and state highway officials Tuesday morning, May 3, to see if they could provide any assistance to the town.

"It's (road) dangerous, but we're on it," Cole said.

The mayor said someone brought the situation to officials' attention during the day

Sunday, May 1, and immediate action was taken. He publicly thanked the Coffee County highway department and county engineer Randy Tindell for quickly barricading the road.

Employees with the town's street department reported some motorists are moving the barricades and continuing to use the road. Again, town officials stressed the damage makes for a dangerous situation, and any time someone goes around a barricade, he/she is putting his/her own life in danger.

"I'd rather this be an inconvenience than to find out someone's in that ditch," Cole said.

The New Brockton Town Council paid tribute to several citizens Monday evening after unanimously passing a resolution recognizing the week of May 2 - 8 as "Public Service Week." This year's motto for Public Service Week is "Together We Make A Difference," and Mayor Cole said that is certainly true in New Brockton.

Receiving recognition for service to the town were:

Planning Commission
Jeff White, Jim Driskell, Sonny Eads, Ron Haney, Joe Sawyer and Johnnie Herron

Water Board
R.P. Flowers, Mike Kelley, Charles Cole

Recreation Board
Tommy Adams, Barbara Cole, Rodney Hawkins, J.C. McKenzie, Jody Stuckey, Joe Simmons and Tracy Whittaker

Bids still being accepted

Rainy weather postpones Elba Band Day "chair" auction

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School's Band Day 2005 seemed soggy after the festivities were canceled last Saturday, April 30, due to pouring rains. Soon, however, the rain quite and good news shined again as event organizers announced the rescheduling of the "Musical Chairs & More...An Interesting Auction" (otherwise known as the Chair-ity Auction).

In the past few years, the chair auction has become one of the favorite events of Band Day. It also has proven to be a great fund raising event for the band program.

Last weekend's dreary weather left many wondering what would become of this year's auction. Well, it has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 10, beginning at 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, the items up for auction will be moved to the foyer outside the Elba High School auditorium. From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., the bidding war will be open for battle. At 7 p.m., the Elba band program will present its annual Spring Concert at the Elba High School auditorium. The winners of the auction will be announced at the end of the Spring Concert.

The even better news is that potential bidders do not have to wait until next Tuesday evening to continue the bidding war. Currently, the auction items are being housed in three offices located on the square in downtown Elba.

Kenneth Calhoun's State Farm office, William Dean's accounting office and Covenant Community Church's office (all located along Simmons Street on the



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TIGER drum majors Gale Olson (left) and Brianna Bailey (right) along with band member Brian Blair (center) encourage local citizens to take part in the "Musical Chairs & More...An Interesting Auction" fund raiser. This annual event helps raise money for the Elba band program and allows these three students along with their many other bandmates to continue to broaden their musical talents and entertain the community with each and every performance of the band. Gale, Brianna and Brian are shown above "testing" a few of the items up for bid in this year's auction.

square) will have the items displayed for viewing and bidding until next Tuesday. There is a variety of handcrafted items

available for bidding, and all supporters of the Elba band program are encouraged to place a bid on one or more items.

NOTICE

The Alabama Department of Transportation informs motorists that McInnis, LLC, contractor for the State of Alabama, began work Monday, May 2. The construction project primarily includes the resurfacing of Coffee County Rd. 427, which will be used as a detour road, and bridge replacement at Hayes Creek on State Rd. 189.

All necessary safety and traffic control devices will be in place to guide motorists through the construction zone. Speed limits will be lowered as necessary. The traveling public is urged to exercise extreme caution while driving through this area.

In case of questions or emergencies, contact the following: Todd Sconyers, Project Superintendent, cell (334) 318-5429; Vince Bowen, Project Engineer, office is (334) 493-0134 or at home at (334) 897-3981; or Mark Graham, District Engineer, office is (334) 347-8166 or at home (334) 735-5515.

Elba Nursing Home celebrates Nursing Home Week

Elba Nursing Home will celebrate National Nursing Home Week May 8 - 14 with many planned activities that highlight the quality care and positive contributions that local nursing homes provide to their community.

"We are always excited about Nursing Home Week because it gives us a chance to highlight the many good things we do each day," said Ellen Briley, LNHA, CEO, Administrator. "We are very proud of the quality of care that we provide, and this is a time where we can share our commitment, our work and our professionalism with the rest of the community."

National Nursing Home Week begins on Mother's Day, May 8, and has the theme of "Taking Center Stage." The week, sponsored each year by the American

Health Care Association (AHCA), the Alabama Nursing Home Association (ANHA) and ANHA members, spotlights the important role nursing facilities play in delivering care to those in need.

In Alabama, more than 28,000 dedicated staff care for the state's 24,000 seniors. Elba Nursing Home serves more than 80 seniors and employs more than 120 professionals.

"We try and create several events for our residents and staff during the week, such as a fishing trip, singings, bingo and many other exciting programs. It is our way of showing our appreciation, and it is also a way for us to include the whole com-

munity in our activities," said Briley. "We are inviting everyone to come by and be a part of our activities, or to just come by and tour the facility. We would love to include you."

"We are committed to quality care and compassionate care for our residents in a loving, nurturing environment," said Briley. "Our total focus is on the resident, and that is exactly where it should be."

Elba Nursing Home is located on Drayton Avenue. The phone number is 334-897-2257.

For more information on Alabama nursing homes, contact the Alabama Nursing Home Association, 4156 Carmichael Road, or call 334-271-6214.



The erosion of the gully next to Tyler Street (County Road 533) in New Brockton is getting dangerously close to the road. Upon discovering this problem New Brockton officials decided it best to close this section of the roadway until repair work can be done.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE invites everyone to observe the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, at 12 Noon at the Elba Courthouse Hagpole. Ministers from the Alliance will offer prayers for the nation, state, youth, city, churches and military. City and county leaders will also be present. This year's theme is "God Shed His Grace on Thee" and the response will be Hebrews 4:6.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETING Monday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at the Elba City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to address the Water Assessment results from the new water well #3 (located on Kelley Road). The public is invited to attend.

A HOME GROUND & LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on Wednesday, May 11, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. If interested in workshop #3917 by Monday, May 9, at 334-894-5559.



STATE MONEY FOR LIBRARIES—Sen. Jimmy Holley recently presented the third-quarter State Aid check to Kay Wilson of Elba Public Library. Library directors and supporters statewide met with their legislators in Montgomery April 14 in celebration of National Library Week. Libraries receive State Aid based on per capita figures. For FY '05, public libraries will receive 93 cents per capita. Most state aid monies are used for library materials and equipment.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Fern Cox

There was a world of excitement last week which accompanied the announcement of redCOVERY that a certain woodpecker has been spotted after 60 years of hiding. The large bird was found deep in an Arkansas swamp. However locals had been reporting sightings for years, but had no proof to satisfy the "experts". Anyway, not to be outdone, Alabama conservationists recorded some good news recently with the rediscovery of three freshwater snails, also thought to be extinct. Now finding these Alabama snails will not equate with the woodpecker, but give our state credit ... we are trying. Probably the worse part of the above exchange is that the Arkansas folks have already attracted \$10 million in private funds to protect these birds and are politicking for another \$10 million from the federal government. Alas, our new found snails just don't attract that type gold.

The Alabama Senate is apparently going to move a bit during these last few days of the legislative session. Last week they worked out an agreement on the education budget to please a few more people, mainly by increasing the amount of money earmarked for higher education. Coffee County folks might be interested in knowing that during the lengthy impasse in Montgomery one group sent out an e-mail to the news media urging the wrath of the voters on some of these "schoolyard bullies". Pictured in the lineup of seven "bully" lawmakers was Elba's own Senator Jimmy Holley. We don't even know what the message was in that e-mail, just laughed at the pictures and went on with life. Those lawmakers balked and littered shut down the legislature, we joined the fuming crowd, but they managed to get the funds allocated like they wanted - now the question is, "Will us taxpayers keep funneling in the taxes to fulfill these lofty promises?"

It is great that the bride-to-be in Georgia was found unharmed over the weekend, rather than being kidnapped/killed or whatever. Whatever her reasons for disappearing several days, she now thankfully has a lifetime to work out those problems. For that we thank God. Now, on behalf of those government agencies who spent tons of tax money and the volunteers who searched for her out of human compassion, we can easily get upset. Some sort of punishment, fine or something needs to be administered. It is not so much to punish her personally, she already has her wagon loaded. However such punishment will hopefully cause others with the same type problems to think twice before running off and making it appear to be a kidnapping. Parents and other loved ones of people who are a potential to drop from sight could be spared many hours of anguish because of such discouragement.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Apr. 25, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one menacing, four for theft of property, two for harassment, one damaged property, one criminal trespassing, one attempted burglary, one harassing communications, one conspiracy to commit a controlled substance violation, two for criminal mischief, one passing counterfeit money, one burglary and one interfering with custody. The following arrests were made: two for possession of a controlled substance, one for unlawful imprisonment, one for domestic violence, one for assault and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for stopping in a roadway, one for driving with no driver's license, one for reckless driving and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, APR. 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 397 County Rd. 342 (6:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 10151 Hwy. 141 (7:00 a.m.); Accident reported on Farris Ave. (3:38 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 18154 Hwy. 125 N. (9:21 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APR. 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to

Area students participate in AU Explore

On Friday, April 22, over 1,500 fifth through twelfth grade students and their teachers, including 26 students from Kinston High School participated in AU Explore - the inaugural science and math open house hosted by Auburn University's College of Sciences and Mathematics (COSAM).

With interactive, hands-on exhibits, AU Explore introduced students to the role science and math play in everyday lives. Textbook concepts came alive as AU Explore captivated students' curiosity in the pursuit of science and mathematics. Students got up close and personal with bats, raptors and snakes at the Wildlife Pick-N-Pet and were able to interact with Auburn faculty members in a series of engaging experiments and lectures.

An exciting science-themed street carnival complemented the classroom and lecture activities. Kinston High School students Ashley Carter, A.J. Davis, Josh Driver and Lonnie Wood received first place in the AU Science Invitational.

As result of their efforts, Kinston High School was the recipient of a first year chemistry scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to be awarded to an interested science student.

Kinston High School was also granted a \$300 gift certificate from the American Chemistry Society to be used to buy supplies for the science department. Science teacher at Kinston High School is Pam Phillips.

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THURSDAY, APR. 28 - Wreck reported on Hwy. 125 N. (7:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 87 N. (3:15 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APR. 29 - Wreck (vehicle vs. cow) reported just past the work release on the 203 Bypass (5:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1117 Deal St. (8:02 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Powell Circle (11:03 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the MarketPlace parking lot (11:03 p.m.); Burglary (possibly in progress) reported at 1133

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Pictured 1 to r: Lori Conney, John Sawyer, Shirley Edberg & Donna Clark

UDC donates book in honor of John Sawyer to New Brockton High School Library

The Coffee County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is again assisting local schools in stocking their library shelves with fascinating historical works of history.

The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the national organization recently continued their educational service by donating Civil War Acoustic Shadows by Charles D. Ross to the New Brockton High School Library in honor of John Reichardt Sawyer, junior, and outstanding American History student, Sawyer is an outstanding student, vice president of SGA, and district FFA president. He recently won first place in the state FCCLA Job interview event and will go to San Diego, California this summer to compete for the national title. Sawyer will also attend a summer seminar at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. After graduating

from the Citadel, he plans to serve in the navy and then continue his career as a lawyer. His ultimate goal is to have a career as a politician and strive to reach the presidency. In Civil War Acoustic Shadows, Mr. Ross discusses how the decisions of Robert E. Lee, U.S. Grant, and a number of generals were dramatically affected by unusual battlefield acoustics. He shows how commanders who inadvertently placed themselves in an acoustic shadow ran the risk of letting victory slip away. Among the battles discussed in this book are Fort Donaldson, Gaine's Mill, Seven Pines, Iuka, Perryville, Chancellorsville, and Five Forks. Shirley Edberg, chapter treasurer, presented the certificate to Sawyer for being named "Outstanding History Student" and the book to Lori Conney, media center specialist at New Brockton High School in Sawyer's honor. John is the son of Joe and Kathy Sawyer of New Brockton.

This presentation marks the sixth year that the organization has contributed books to local school libraries. Members present this award each April in honor of Confederate History and Heritage Month.

For more information, contact Shirley Edberg, chapter treasurer, at 337-5037 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com.

• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information.

• SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE - 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-entrance on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Gause Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supl. Office.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba City Hall.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 897-5038.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 1 p.m. - Club House.

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba High School locker room.

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

Seniors might be better off if they were allowed to pass on, hopefully to Heaven, dressed in red or blue. But, we must not forget that many of them may still be in good shape ... for drug

testing.

It is a known fact that the wisdom of most seniors is being ignored. When they speak about the war, the economy and oil ... remembering the names of those who reap the profits, they are

often considered as unpatriotic, un-American or just plain senile ... make that stupid. But remember, they display their yellow ribbons ... some near the gas tank.

Sure, seniors are still receiving their Social Security checks, and thank God the recent 17 percent increase in Medicare premiums didn't eat up all the cost of living raise, which ... by the way ... included the price of drugs. Hopefully, the 12 percent Medicare increase next year will receive as much publicity as "Seniors will still get their SS checks." Make no mistake about that.

Seniors may watch their grandchildren jump for joy at privatizing part of their Social Security taxes ... hoping they don't forget the IRS when they start reaping the benefits of all that privatization. Kids are so trusting...

AARP lost a lot of members when it chose to back the government's drug bill, and now the organization is not so willing to accept the proposal to privatize Social Security. Did the organization change colors or could it be a stunt to gain back lost memberships?

Most seniors have learned to discern real truths about life in this democratic society and are unwilling to be pushed and shoved. They don't want to be intimidated. The government should be proud of them.

Am I "Walking Back on Jesus"? (Don Imus quote). Yera Maddox-Crozier

Hopetown, IL

Mother's Day Without You

November 11, 1919 - August 2, 2004



Elizabeth Blackmon

This Mother's Day without you strains belief

In life and love and what it means to be,

But there is beauty in my lonely grief.

Your death is like a wound without relief,

Pain on pain as far as I can see,

And so this day without you strains belief.

What's the point of living when a thief

Can break into your heart so easily?

But there is beauty in my lonely grief.

You fell away from me, a withered leaf

Twisting down to darkness, leaving me

This day without you, chilling my belief.

And yet there's beauty in this burning brief

Bright burst of light that ends in agony,

Beauty in the cause of lonely grief,

The love I have for you, a jewel-like reef

In silent prayer beneath my empty sea.

This Mother's Day without you strains belief,

But there is beauty in my lonely grief.

Juanetta & Felton Stewart

Alma & Jimmy Davis

Carolyn Brackney

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JUDY ELAINE SANDERS MORGAN

Ms. Judy Elaine Sanders Morgan, age 48, of Samson, Ala., died Monday, April 25, 2005 after a sudden illness.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, 2005 at Lime Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Jack Chancey and Rev. Curt McCollough officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva directing.

Survivors include one son: Joshua Dewayne Morgan, Samson; four sisters: Patricia (husband, Edward) Driggers, Martha McCollough and Mary Rushing, all of Samson, Peggy (husband, Al) New, Elba; two brothers: Dwight (wife, Babs) Sanders and David (wife, Jane Ann) Sanders, all of Samson.

EDD FILLINGIM

Mr. Edd Fillingim, age 83, of Jack, Ala., died Thursday evening, April 28, 2005 at the family residence following an extended illness.

Mr. Fillingim served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held May 1, 2005 from St. John Baptist Church with Wiregrass Hospice Chaplain Talmadge Butler, Rev. Bill Frank and Rev. Earl Snodgrass officiating. Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral

Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Artemia Fillingim; three daughters: Judy (husband, Rex) Killingsworth, Jan (husband, Ronnie) Bass, Diane (husband, Wayne) Smith; one son: Ted (wife, Melissa) Fillingim, all of Jack; one sister: Inez Senn, Daleville, Ala.; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES ANDREW MALLORY

Mr. Charles Andrew Mallory died April 29, 2005. Funeral services were held May 1, 2005 from Wyatt Funeral Home, Opp, with interment in Peaceful Acres Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Mallory was born 5/15/1916 to Grover Cleveland and Susie Melissa Mallory of Elba. He graduated from Kinston High School. He was a lifelong resident of Coffee County and a farmer and cattleman since 1939. Mr. Mallory was a Kinston school trustee (1954-56), a member of the Coffee County School Board (1958-82), a Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor (1953-1996), and was a charter director of The Bank of Kinston (1966-1987). He served on the Board of Directors of Covington Electric Cooperative (1968-1998) and Alabama Electric Cooperative (1976-1997).

Survivors include his second wife: Myrtle Saunders Mallory; three daughters: Janice Bailey, Kinston, Sue (Julian) Mathison, Merritt Island, Fla., Kathy (Victor) Wyatt, Andalusia; five grandchildren; one brother: Robert Mallory, Enterprise; two sisters: Lena Carroll, Enterprise, Dora Cain, Blue Springs, Mo.

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Kayla Kelley

EHS Student Spotlight

by Katie Cash

This week's Student Spotlight is Kayla Michele Byrd. Kayla is the 17-year-old daughter of Sonya Bryan and Donnie Byrd. She is a member of Senior Beta, the new basketball pep band Tiger Jam, and is the trumpet section leader for the marching and concert band.

Kayla's hobbies include shopping, going to the beach, and hanging out with friends. After high school, she plans to go to the University of Alabama Huntsville to get a degree in nursing.

Kayla describes herself as laid



Kayla Byrd

back, happy, and friendly. Congratulations, Kayla, on being this week's Student Spotlight!

Upcoming Events at E.E.S.

Here are some of the events happening during the month of May:
May 5 and 6 - Kindergarten registration
May 10 - Spring Band Concert
May 12 - D.A.R.E. Graduation
May 19 - Awards Day
May 23 - 6th Grade graduation
May 24 - Kindergarten Graduation

PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Brittany Clark)...Can you climb this senior pyramid?

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Charter Ceremony held for Key Club members

by Kayla Kelley

On Wednesday, April 27, a ceremony was held for Elba High School Key Club members in order for the 31 members to be chartered. The ceremony took place so that the Elba High School Key Club could become officially established.

The event began with a motivational speech by Joel Lee Williams, the Kiwanis International Trustee and International Advisor to Key Club International. Williams also presented the club charter to the 2004-2005 Key Club president, Mallory Allen.

Cameron Locklar, Key Club Lt. Governor, inducted all Key Club members and installed the 2004-2005 officers. Locklar also presented the bell, gavel, and banner to the EHS Key Club.

Key Club vice-president, Bradley Bane, talked about the spaghetti dinner held earlier in the year. Bane said the Key Club had raised \$400 from the event.

Mallory Allen then rewarded



Elba High School Key Club charter members include: (standing in front, l to r) Anna Harrison, project chairperson; Mallory Allen, president; Bradley Bane, vice-president; Kayla Kelley, treasurer; and Christina Bryant, junior representative; (seated in middle, l to r) Jessica Merklin, Kristin Barnes, Gale Olson, Amanda Pope, Melanie Molar, Haley Stinson and Kendall Stinson; (standing in back, l to r) Rae Walker, Elizabeth Weeks, Kristi Spinks, Casey Medlock, Adam Spicer, Tori Brooks, Ashleigh Waddall, Stacey Mitchell, Jamey Greek, Traci Spinks, Brian Blair, Judson Vaughan and Rashawnda Whitfield.

Mr. Williams with the check, which will be given to aid in the tsunami relief fund.

The occasion ended with

President Mallory Allen adjourning the program by ringing the bell with the gavel. Altogether, the program was a

successful and honoring event for each Key Club member, parents, Kiwanis members and others in attendance.

Elba Elementary students enjoy annual field day

by Gale Olson

On Friday, April 22, Elba Elementary School held its annual Field Day.

Field Day begins early in the morning and continues with fun festivities through lunch. The day includes all students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Field day teaches the students teamwork along with individual competition.

Through a team of tug a war to individual races, students have an opportunity to put away the books and enjoy a day of nothing but play.



These students prepare for the sack race

Band Day chair auction continued until May 10th

are being displayed at Kenneth Calhoun's State Farm office, William Dean's accounting office and the Covenant Community Church office (all on the square in Elba).

On Tuesday, May 10, the

items will be moved and displayed outside the Elba High School auditorium at 5 p.m. prior to the band's annual Spring Concert. Bids will be accepted until 7 p.m. when the concert begins. Winners will be announced at the end of the concert.

Anyone interested in helping raise funds for the Elba band program are encouraged to place bids on the items which include beautifully decorated chairs, benches, chest of drawers and other miscellaneous items.

Grandparent's Day held at E.E.S.

by Ashley Gibson

On Tuesday, April 26, Elba Elementary School held its annual Grandparent's Day. Principal Mickey McCollough welcomed the grandparents, and the students of Talent Pool performed a song for them in the cafeteria.

The grandparents were able to visit their grandchild in his/her classroom. The students did various activities to show them what their normal day is like at school. Some did art projects and others read to their grandparents.

After they were through visiting, the grandparents were provided with refreshments. Below are scenes from Grandparent's Day.



Did You Know?...

by Rebecca English

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Journalism Member Spotlight

by Judson Vaughan



Emilee Hudson shows her first place ribbon

This week's Journalism Spotlight is the 17-year-old senior of Russell and Jo Ruth English, Rebecca English.

Becca is one of the most involved students at Elba High. Her activities include holding the office of president for the senior class, VICA, Senior Beta and being a member of SGA and obviously, Journalism.

When not involved with these clubs, Becca enjoys reading, dancing and spending time with her family and friends. After graduating, she plans to attend Troy University, but at this time her major is undecided.

There are many aspects of Journalism. Becca takes pleasure in, but she says the most fulfilling thing has to be being able to see her finished product after all of the hard work and effort put into everything she attempts.

Yearbooks on Sale

The EHS Journalism Staff began selling the 2004-2005 Elbala Yearbooks Monday, April 25. They are \$28 and will be sold for two weeks.

Journalism members will come to elementary and high school students first thing each morning.

To purchase a yearbook, contact any Journalism member or call (334) 897-2266. Checks can be made payable to Elba High School.

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Salutatorian Josh Smith & Valedictorian Kristen McLendon

Kristen Rene McLendon named Valedictorian of Class of 2005

Kristen Rene McLendon and Joshua Byron Smith entered Zion Chapel Elementary School in the fall of 1992 as members of the kindergarten class of 1992-93. They have continued to be students at ZC since that time and have remained academically at the top or very near the top of their class.

Kristen is the daughter of Melissa and Ronnie McLendon. She is 18-years-old and plans to continue her education at the Enterprise-Ozark Community College before transferring to the University of Alabama. Kristen wants to pursue a degree in accounting. Her ultimate goal is to establish her own accounting firm.

At Zion Chapel, Kristen has played softball and basketball. She is a member of the color guard—sometimes all at once. She is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA). She was a member of FBLA's Parliamentary Procedure team that placed second in state competition for three consecutive years.

When asked about her favorite classes, Kristen said English literature and economics were her favorites. Her hobbies for leisure time are softball, watching TV, flowers named ZC drum major.

Donna Flowers will lead the Rebel Marching Band for the third consecutive year when marching season begins next fall after recently being named drum major for the 2005-06 Rebel Band.

A drum major conducts music and leads the band at practices, halftime performances and competitions. Donna says she is proud to have been chosen for the third consecutive year. She will be a senior next year.

Donna has been a member of the band for several years and has been asked to participate with several honor bands including the John Philip Sousa Honor Band, the University of Montevallo Honor Band, Auburn Honor Band, South Eastern United State Honor Band and the District VIII Honor Band. She has won two superior solo medals and three superior ensemble medals.

When Donna was a sophomore her awards for band included the American Music Foundation Band Honor 2004, the John Philip Sousa Band Award and a superior rating for drum major at the South Eastern United States Marching Festival in 2003.

During her junior year she repeated superior ratings for a drum major at the South Eastern United States Marching Festival and the Little-Big Horn Marching contests.

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Zion Chapel students attend FBLA state conference

Jackie Cowart, Rosanna Johnson, Courtney Dykes, Donna Flowers and Keri Flowers won first place in the Parliamentary Procedure competition at the 2005 Alabama Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference. This team, along with four other winners will attend the 2005 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, in June.

Roy King, a senior, was named Alabama FBLA Who's Who. This award is given to the member who has been the most effective, productive, and consistent member of FBLA. The first step to winning this award was to be named Who's Who in District IV. Then the winners from each district, as well as any state officers who have been entered, are considered for the top award. Roy has been a member since he was a freshman at Zion Chapel. He has won a Region competition during each of his four years of membership and when he was a freshman he won second place in the competition FBLA Principles and Procedures. This won him a trip to the National Leadership Conference that was held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition to Roy's attendance at four Region meetings and four State meetings, he has attended a National Fall Leadership Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, and another in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition to representing his Chapter at Region, State, and National Conferences, Roy has



The Zion Chapel delegation at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel to attend the 2005 Alabama State FBLA Conference. Students are dressed in business attire because they had just attended a General Session.

been an active member of the local chapter, participating in all Chapter activities. He has served the Chapter both as an officer and as a Committee chairperson and member.

Michael Sneed, another senior, won second place in Business Calculations and will compete at the National Leadership Conference in June. He has been an active FBLA member since he was a freshman and has attended Region and State conferences each year. He has been a Region winner each year since the ninth grade and has been a member of a second-place winning team at three previous State competitions. Unfortunately only first-place teams are eligible for National Leadership Conference.



FBLA State Winners Rosanna Johnson, Keri Flowers, Jackie Cowart, Donna Flowers, Courtney Dykes, Tindol Long, Jon Fuller, Roy King, Jamie Wise, Michael Sneed and Sheena Hussey.

Senior Beta Club inducts new members

Luke Peters, Jon Fuller, Hunter Walden, John Wayne



New Beta inductees Luke Peters, Jon Fuller, Hunter Walden, John Wayne Lambert, Tori Hodge, Brittany Dismukes, Brooke Stinson, Stephanie Collier, Tindol Long, Jenna Mobley, Jessie Carroll, Harry White were the freshmen and sophomores who were inducted into the National Beta Club during a recent ceremony.

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Jon Fuller and Sheena Hussey, both freshmen, won State competitions that make them eligible for nationals. Jon won second place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure and Sheena won second place in Word Processing I. For his national competition Jon will take a written test. Sheena will take a production test in May in Montgomery at the offices of business and marketing education. When she gets to Orlando, she will take a written test.

Two other Zion Chapel winners were Tindol Long and Jamie Wise. Tindol won second place in Public Speaking I with a speech entitled "The 3 C's for Developing Competent and Aggressive Business Leadership." It was a speech about character as it applied to business leadership. She is a freshman, Jamie Wise, a senior, won third place in Technology Concepts. This was Jamie's second State competition. He won the Region competition last year in Computer Concepts.

The Conference lasted for two days. Thursday, the first day ended with the Opening General Session, an Adviser's Reception, and a dance. At 11 p.m. that night the finalists in the several contests were posted including Public Speaking, Future Business Leaders, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Zion Chapel had competitors in all three contests. Roy King was one of the six finalists in the Future Business Leader competition. Friday morning Roy, Tindol,

investigation and won a bronze medal. Tindol Long competed in junior level illustrated talk and won a gold medal. Beth Long competed in junior level reading story and won a gold medal. Epipie Long competed in senior level reading story and won a bronze medal.

Other members who attended the conference were Samantha Bryan, Anna Wilson, Jessie Carroll, Keri Hobbs, Roy King, and Stephanie Berry. The group's sponsor is Joan Hobbs who along with Anita Long, chaperoned the trip.

Students attend FCCCLA state meeting

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SPORTS

At Elba ballparks

Baseball and softball teams dodge raindrops to get in two nights of action

The rain was the big winner last week in youth baseball and softball action at the Elba parks, but the teams did manage to get in two nights of play and as always there was plenty of action in all the games.

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL



COACH-PITCH BASEBALL.... A Cardinals batter swings the bat as a pitch approaches in action at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Photo by Laura Basley)



DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL.... Reds pitcher Austin Johnson prepares to bring home to the plate in recent action from Legion Field.

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Cubs 13 Cardinals 7 - The Cubs scored runs in bunches to outscore the Cardinals 13-7. Cavotsea Stinson, Stone Collins, Harley Sanders and Isaiah Jones all scored 2 runs for the Cubs, while Jordan Kidd, Denzell Thomas, Jacob Smith, Troy Funk and Trinton Smith all scored 1 run. DuQuan Jordan and Grant Akridge both scored 2 runs for the Cardinals, while

Talon Flowers, Kenneth Neil Amison and Levi Hanson all scored 1 run.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Marlins 4 Kinston 1 - The Marlins pulled ahead early and held on late to post a 4-1 win over Kinston. Mason Davis added 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Hayes Spicer and Ashton Senn both added 1 hit and Justin Pope and Cory Richardson scored 1 run, each. Patrick Smith, Dallas Dean and Ben Nelson all had 1 hit for Kinston, while Robert Falls scored 1 run.

Reds 15 NB Cardinal 2 - The Reds scored 13 runs in the first inning and coasted to win with a big 15-2 win over the New Brockton Cardinal. Austin Johnson and Harry Griffin both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Reds, while Justin Kidd added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Nathan Miller added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Kyson Edwards added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Nick Green added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Jon Ashley Amison, Aquante Jones, Damon Nelson and Chip Curtis all scored 1 run. Austin Johnson pitched a 1-hitter and struck out 8 batters to get the win on the mound. Grady White had 1 hit to lead the Cardinal, while John Nathan and Christian both scored 1 run.

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Elba Gold 15 NB Cardinal 9 - The Elba Gold pulled ahead early and held on late to outscore the New Brockton Cardinal 15-9. Bradley Wilson had 4 hits and scored 4 runs to lead the Gold, while Justin Mallory added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Dylan McCollough added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Jesse Dodd added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Andrew Head added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and A.J. Johnson and Colton Yarbrough both added 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Cardinal, while Jerry Weeks and Hayden Smith both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Solomon Harris added 1 hit and Trey Knight, Brandon Lee, Jonathan Kelley, Anthony Bryant and Da'Shawn Vasser all scored 1 run.

Elba Gold 9 ZC Gray 6 - The Elba Gold rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to down the Zion



TEE-BALL BASEBALL.... A member of the Astros manages to slide around the tee and a bat to slide in safely in recent action last week at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

Chapel Gray 9-6, Dylan McCollough had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gold, while Bradley Wilson and Colton Vaughan both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. A.J. Johnson added 2 hits, Taylor Cotton added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Andrew Head, Justin Mallory and Jesse Dodd all scored 1 run. Joe Davis had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gray, while Steven Petty added 2 hits, Tanner Grant added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Garrett Stinson added 1 hit and Daniel Powell and Corey Snellgrove both scored 1 run.

ZC Red 15 NB Gray 1 - The Zion Chapel Red scored runs in bunches to roll past the New Brockton Gray 15-1. Drew Yarbrough added 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Red, while Justin Winters, Ryan Hobart and Kendall Chappell all added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Joey White added 2 hits, Matt Brunson added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Lance Walden added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Weston Brown added 1 hit, and Ethan Mount and Nathan Bagwell both scored 1 run. Jeremy Johnson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gray, while

Sawyer Whitaker added 1 hit.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

NB Cardinal 12 Kinston 0 - The New Brockton Cardinal made it look easy in rolling to a 12-0 win over Kinston. Dillon Rafsky had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Red, while Adam Bryant added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Brackin Hutto and Brandon Farmer both had 1 hit and scored 3 runs and Gabe Lindley scored 1 run. Brandon Farmer and Adam Bryant combined to toss a no-hitter and struck out 10 batters in four innings.

DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL

Kinston 18 Zion Chapel 2 - Kinston pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to defeat Zion Chapel 18-2. Macie Sanders had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Hayden Clark scored 3 runs and Mallon Davis and Mary Mack both scored 2 runs. Scoring 1 run were Madison Weeks, Arissa Davis, Emily Mock, Ashley Blue, Katie Smith, Chelsea Fuller, Aubrie Archie, Gabby Grace and Mikay Bird. Kelsey Sanders had 1 hit for Zion Chapel, while Hannah Goodson and Alex Ketchum both scored 1 run.

Fishing is much more than a sport

By Corky Pugh

Fishing is an important recreational activity in America. More than 50 million of us fish, a greater number than those who golf or play tennis combined. In Alabama, fishing's economic impact runs in the hundreds of millions of dollars, and it is the source of almost 20,000 jobs.

For all of that, fishing seems to be a misunderstood and underappreciated activity. Many people think of fishing as a sport, but a recent survey indicates most anglers fish to relax and to spend time with other people. They see fishing as a lifestyle option rather than as a sporting activity.

There is a perception among some people that fishing is a competitive activity, and anglers are obsessed with catching a lot of big fish. However, generally speaking, people fish to relax and spend quality time with their family. Fishing takes them away from the stress of everyday life and gets them outside where they can enjoy nature and spend time with friends and family.

entire chapter of his book, Pavlov's Trout: The Incomplete Psychology of Everyday Fishing, to the issue of fishing to relieve stress. Repeatedly throughout the book, he makes the point: People don't fish to catch fish; their gratification from fishing comes from other sources.

Quinnett devotes another chapter to fishing and ethics, for example, driving home the point that learning how to fish correctly and appreciate nature helps an individual - especially a child.

Fishing can be a very important activity for children. Family Life First, an organization committed to helping parents reclaim family time, reports that children's play time has declined by 25 percent over the past 20 years, and their unstructured outdoor activities by 50 percent. And according to the White House - Council of Economic Advisers, parent/child family time decreased 22 percent between 1969 and 1996.

Fishing is such a wonderful way to connect with your children. It's fun, first of all, but the opportunity it creates for quality time together is what's great. Catching fish is an important part of the whole experience, and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries' 23 public fishing lakes are chock full of fish waiting to be caught. Every child should have the opportunity to experience the thrill of catching fish. Many of us vividly remember the first fish we ever caught and fondly remember the adult who showed us how to catch the fish. Passing the tradition along is an enriching and enjoyable experience.

Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Car Camping Is Fun For Everyone

Campers usually access campsites either by hiking in, floating in on a canoe or driving up to the site in the family vehicle. Backpack camping certainly allows one to have a wilderness experience, as does canoe camping, but one has to be in good physical condition and have a higher level of outdoors skills than is required for car camping trip.

First time campers, especially those with young children, will find car camping at a good campground affords them many of the amenities of home. Most commercial campsites will have electricity, a picnic table, and toilet and showering facilities within walking distance. It is often possible to rent a waterfront campsite where campers can fish from the bank or tie up their boat at the campsite.

Those new to camping can find about everything they need at discount stores or from mail order sporting goods stores. Purchase a good tent, gas lantern, air mattresses or foam pads, sleeping bags and a cooler or two and you are ready to go camping.

One will find there is an endless supply of camping gadgets that makes life more comfortable when roughing it. Care must be taken however not to accumulate too many gadgets as loading and unloading unnecessary gear can spoil the experience. Seasoned car campers purchase the large plastic storage containers and keep their camping gear in them year round. If everything is in its place, all you have to do is throw the containers in the vehicle, grab a change or two of clothes, stop and pick up some food.

Three large plastic containers should hold all the camping gear needed for several nights in the boonies. Designate one container for all sleeping gear such as air mattresses, sleeping bags, air pumps, cots, tents, ground cloths and tarps. Another container will store cooking equipment such as lanterns, pots and pans, stoves, saws, hatchets, and other camp tools. The third container will store such necessities as toilet paper and paper towels, rope, string, first aid supplies and cooking supplies.

Be sure and pack the tent and rain gear on top in the container in which it is stored. This will make things a lot easier if a rain shower is moving in and the tent must be put up immediately. Storage containers can be used after camp is set up for storing dirty clothes, non-perishable foods and firewood. Firewood can usually be bought at most campgrounds, or if in a primitive area it may be permissible to gather dead wood to burn. This should be accomplished as soon as camp is set up.

Annual Brunson family reunion held April 16th in Elba



OLDEST AND YOUNGEST IN ATTENDANCE...Christine Brunson, 87, of Winter Haven, Fla., was the oldest woman. Jack Jones, 98, of Samsom, Ala., was the oldest man. The youngest present was Jacob "Jake" Brunson, 5 months old of Elba.

On Saturday, April 16, 2005 what is believed to be the oldest Coffee County tradition was held at the family picnic area on Brunson Farm in Elba. This historic reunion began in 1853 when Matthew Brunson and his wife Sara Blanchard moved their five sons and two daughters to then twelve year old Coffee County and homesteaded three sections of land northeast of Elba new Pea River.

Their seven children were: Pinckey, Matthew II, Silas, Eugene, John, Anna, and Sarah (Sallie), wife of LaFayette Morgan. Descendants of these seven continue to gather each April to celebrate the birthday of patriarch Matthew Brunson, who was born April 13, 1806. The next reunion, to be held on April 15, 2006 will celebrate the 200th birthday of the family patriarch.

This year, as usual, several hundred family members from eight states gathered at the family picnic area for fellowship and food with traditional barbecue and a bountiful variety of basket dinners. The barbecue dinner was prepared at the picnic area and served hot at lunch. Foyel and Billy Joe Brunson, Greg and Christopher Brunson and Matt Brunson along with other family members composed the cooking crew. Barbecue has been served at the reunion for more than one hundred fifty years. The time of visitation with life long loved ones and meeting new family members is always greatly enjoyed. Over the years family members have been able to maintain close ties because of the reunion which has never been canceled or postponed throughout its existence.

As departure time arrived and relatives said goodbye, they were already planning to attend the 153rd reunion on April 15, 2006 and have a big celebration for the 200th birthday party for Patriarch Matthew Brunson.

The reunion is sponsored by Marion and Nancy Brunson and their sons Bailey and Matt and their families.



FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT FROM EIGHT STATES...Seated Left to Right: Alabama, Victoria Brunson English of Decatur; North Carolina, Shannon Dockerty Hogsed of Andrews; Standing Left to Right: Tennessee, Alan Brunson of Nashville; Colorado, Leonard Hutchison holding grandson of Centennial; present but not in pictured were the states of Florida, Georgia, and Texas.



DOLLY WAGON RIDES WERE ENJOYED BY ALL AGES AT THE REUNION...Matt Brunson, seated on the tractor, restored his grandfathers Dolly Wagon this year. Shown here are Sam and Hunter Hogsed, Sydney Brunson and Mary Brunson preparing to load.



A BOUNTIFUL ASSORTMENT of basket dinners are always enjoyed in addition to the barbecue meal prepared at the picnic grounds.

Department of Agriculture and Industries receives emergency exemption on herbicides

Commissioner Ron Sparks announced last week that the Department of Agriculture and Industries has received approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for an emergency exemption on herbicides, Direx 4L and Karmex DF, to control blue-green algae in Alabama's catfish ponds.

The Department of Agriculture has authority under federal law to obtain an emergency exemption for a pesticide, if significant losses of an agricultural commodity are likely and alternative products are not available. "This emergency approval provides Alabama's \$90 million catfish industry the opportunity to provide consumers with a high quality product without potential environmental or health risks," stated Sparks.

"Although blue-green algae is not considered harmful to human health, it is a primary cause of an off-flavor in catfish. The emergency exemption for use of diuron is considered to be extremely important to Alabama's catfish industry."

Relay for Life fund raiser

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County's Relay for Life team has planned a Bake Sale for Friday, May 6. The baked goods will be displayed in the lobby of the bank during regular banking hours on Friday, and all proceeds from the sale will go towards the Relay for Life fund raising event supporting the American Cancer Society.



Happy Mother's Day!!

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THE FOUR DAUGHTERS OF the late Margaret Brunson Smith: Linda, Paula Nan, Angelynn, and Shelia and their families enjoy each other eating along First Branch at the reunion.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TOWN

(Continued from Page One)

Brockton," Cole said regarding those honored. "It shows tonight with you being here. Thank you for everything you do."

Each of the council members also thanked the citizens for all the time and effort they give to help the Town of New Brockton. They said it is greatly appreciated.

Council member Jeff White, who also serves on the town's water board, encouraged citizens to either come by or call the New Brockton Town Hall if they do not receive their monthly water bill. He said the town has had a few complaints from customers that they did not receive a bill after their water was turned off for non-payment.

White said the customers know they should receive a bill, therefore, if someone does not receive a bill on month, he/she should either call or come by the town hall.

Mayor Cole said the water bill is late as of the 15th of each month and subject to be cut off.

CITIZEN OF TOMORROW

(Correction)

Editor's Note: This picture originally published with wrong parent information because the form (given to The Elba Clipper staff) was filled out incorrectly.



Tanner, age 2, is the son of Karen Luckenbaugh and Eddie Sanders.

after the 25th of the month for nonpayment.

"We know we've got a water bill coming, and we know we've got to pay the bill," Cole said. "If you've got some sort of problem, call us before it's (water) turned off."

In other business, The citizens of New Brockton were encouraged to attend a National Day of Prayer service Thursday, May 5, at 12 Noon, at the town's park. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the New Brockton Town Hall.

* Council member Richard Driskell said the town's fire department will be conducting a fund raiser through Saturday, May 7. He said a representative for the fund raiser will be going door-to-door asking for donations for the New Brockton Fire Department. An incentive will be given to those who participate with a donation.

* Council member approved an ordinance for storage of impounded vehicles.

Mayor Cole said the housing rehabilitation project is moving along. He said 19 of 22 applicants have qualified for the project, and work has already started.

* It was announced that the Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program Coupon Information

Program provides low-income senior citizens age 60 and up with coupons which can be redeemed for fresh fruit and vegetables at local farmers markets and some roadside stands. Eligible seniors affiliated with Enterprise or Elba Housing Authority, Coffee County Sr. Centers or Port Myaca Housing will receive coupons at those facilities.

All others who qualify may pick up coupons in New

EHS Class of 1947 enjoys 58th anniversary of graduation

The Elba High School class of 1947 gathered at the Old South Inn in Elba on April 21 to celebrate the 58th anniversary of their graduation. Of the 71 members who graduated on May 23, 1947, 22 were able to attend and renew old friendships. There were 20 who were deceased, two were unable to attend due to poor health, and one, Betty Mims could not be located. Several classmates could not attend due to prior commitments.

Class President Wynell Chapman Myers welcomed the class with a humorous poem that created the right mood for the party. Classmates shared numerous tales of their days at Elba High. Most involved encounters with the principal, "Fessor" Dixon and several of the teachers: Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Althea Prescott, Mrs. Kendrick, and Mrs. Dunaway. It seems no matter how many difficulties the class members had with the faculty, all had pleasant memories of the high school years.

Spouses of class members feel they are part of the class, also. Many friendships have been developed over the years as they attended the reunions. All classmates have expressed a desire to locate Betty Mims, and hope someone will be able to provide information to enable us to contact her. Classmates present at the



Pictured Left to Right (Seated): Sarah Poole Sullivan, Chris Bouyer Jacobs, Nell Helms Hare, Frances Watkins Vaughan, Kate Maddox Hale, Lorene Reeves Roberson, Doris Dawkins Galloway; (Second Row) Donald Kelley, Gennette Fleming Kendrick, Grady Thomas, Siburline Walker Modlin, Wynell Chapman Myers; (Back Row) James Roy Fuller, John Willkerson, Donald Lee, Jim Farris, Fred "Pete" Martin, Pat Morrow, Paul L. English. Not Pictured: Sara Dyess Sharpless.

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Zack Ward takes first in public speaking contest

Zack Ward recently won first place in the 4-H Public Speaking contest and went on to win second place in the county contest.

There were approximately 25 young men and women in the county contest.

Zack is a student at Zion Chapel Elementary School. He is the son of Keith and Teresa Ward and has one sister, Heather. The family resides in Jack, Ala.

Zack's grandparents are Jimmy Ray and Betty Sue Ward of Jack and Johnny and Edna Dunn of Brundidge, Ala.



Zack Ward

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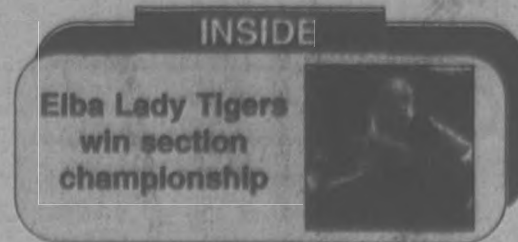
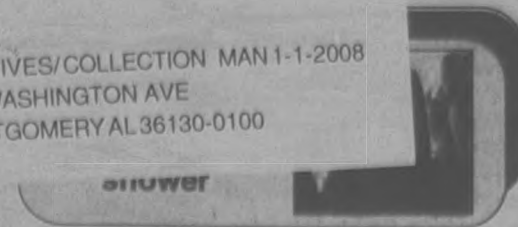


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Commission approves measures to improve safety of intersection

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission responded Monday, May 9, to the request of many county residents during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission when it unanimously approved accepting half the cost for the erection of a

section or trying to get out onto State Highway 134 from one of the county roads. It is almost impossible to see oncoming traffic while trying to turn onto the state highway and the stop signs on the county roads are not noticeable until you have already approached them. There have been numerous accidents and several fatalities at this intersection. The following people who have signed this petition ask that immediate action be taken to help insure this type of tragedy will not occur again.

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Mobile Attic Inc. announces five new franchise locations

Mobile Attic Inc., a leading provider of portable storage for residential and commercial customers in the Southeast, announced this week that franchise sales are up. Mobile Attic is fueling their growth by achieving notoriety and market share as Mobile Attic continues to open franchises across the country with qualified partners. Mobile Attic has added five new franchise locations: Nashville, Tennessee; Madisonville, Kentucky; Columbus, Georgia; Tampa, Florida; and Shreveport, Louisiana.

"We met our first quarter expectations for 2005 as our goal has been to steadily increase our franchise growth by adding two new locations each month," said Josh Wilson, vice-president of Mobile Attic. "We are extremely pleased with the significant growth realized in the Southeast over the past year. I attribute this success to our aggressive marketing strategy to directly target the business owner and more specifically the self-storage owner."

Mobile Attic began actively targeting the self-storage owner one year ago after aggressively entering the portable self-storage industry. Today, Mobile Attic is quickly becoming the premier supplier of portable storage and storage solutions in the country, and is gaining respect and increased market share as it continues to exceed its goals by opening new storage facilities

Jews were instrumental in the discovery of America. There is much evidence to suggest that Christopher Columbus was Jewish, although he was a devout Christian. His parents



Citizens of Elba joined those across the nation by participating in the National Day of Prayer last Thursday, May 5. More than 50 people gathered at the flagpole outside the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba along with local officials and pastors. The prayer service was sponsored by the Elba Ministerial Alliance. Prayer was offered for the nation, state, youth, city, churches and military.

County becomes victim of another bridge burning

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell delivered bad news Monday, May 9, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission when he announced the county again became victim to a bridge burning.

In early January, a timber bridge on Coffee County Road 365 was completely destroyed by fire. Early Monday morning (May 9) of this week another wood bridge was heavily damaged by fire. In both cases, officials believe the destruction was caused by arson.

The most recent bridge fire on Coffee County Road 323 (a dirt road) was reported early Monday morning, May 9, and volunteer fire fighters with the Zion Chapel Fire Department were able to extinguish the flames before the entire bridge burned. However, Tindell said the bridge is a four-span bridge, and it seems three spans were damaged by the fire.

Tindell said he is afraid the county may have a serial arsonist loose since the circumstances of this week's fire resemble those of the January bridge fire. Commission chairman Doug Dillmeyer offered a motion for the commission to ask Attorney General Troy King to ask Governor Bob Riley for permission to offer a reward for the capture and arrest of the person(s) responsible for these crimes.

In Dillmeyer's motion he indicated the commission will ask for permission to offer \$10,000 or the maximum amount allowed for crimes meeting that type crime.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the commission.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said his department is investigating both bridge burning incidents, and he hopes a reward (if allowed by the governor) will help lead



Above: Officials were forced Monday morning of this week to barricade a timber bridge on County Road 323 after a fire heavily damaged the bridge. This was the second bridge fire in Coffee County in 2005.

Right: A close up of the damage shows the fire was extinguished before it completely destroyed the bridge; however, the damage is estimated to be quite costly.

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to the arrest of the person(s) responsible. Anyone with information concerning the burning of the bridge on County Road 365 or the bridge on County Road 323 is asked to contact the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 894-5535.

During Elba City Council meeting

City Clerk reports replacement of manholes on Claxton Avenue and Larkin Road

last meeting. Council member Tom Hooks didn't remember the motion to name Freddy Hanchey as Police Chief included a waiver of the requirement that he live in the city limits. The mayor and other council

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members said it was included and the minutes were not changed. Hooks had voted against the motion to hire two weeks ago and Monday voted against approving the minutes of that meeting.

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA ELEMENTARY D.A.R.E. PROGRAM GRADUATION will be Thursday (TODAY), May 12, at 9 a.m. at Elba Elementary School.

THE ZION CHAPEL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (ZCC) EXTENDED-DAY PROGRAM will present a spring program entitled "Your Child is a Star" on Tuesday, May 19. The evening will begin with a PTO meeting and conclude with the Extended Day presentation. PTO will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be a showcase for the work that students, kindergarten through eighth grade, have done in the ZCCLE Extended-Day Program since it began in the fall. Everyone is invited.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 21. The meeting will be conducted in the community room at the Coffee County Commission, Courthouse in New Brockton, Ala. This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1980). For additional information, please contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at (334) 894-5415. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.